



MINUTES

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, November 7, 2016 3:00 PM
College Station City Hall
2nd Floor Conference Room 1
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Blanche Brick, Brandon Boatcallie, Jon Denton, Tina Evans, Molly Fierro, Phillip Lasley, Andrew Middleton

STAFF PRESENT: Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Senior Program Manager Venessa Garza, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services Molly Hitchcock, Board Secretary Amber Johnson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

Ms. Nikki Roach, a Texas A&M University Student, gave an introduction to the board and expressed interest in the work of the board as it relates to a project that she is working on related to parks as well as bike lanes and greenways.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting absences:

Board Member Fierro motioned to approve the meeting absences from October 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lasley and was approved (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

Board Member Middleton motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Board Member Fierro and was approved (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the following item: Recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission on proposed changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan – Thoroughfare Plan and the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Master Plan in the vicinity of Royder Road, Greens Prairie Road and South Dowling Road.

Senior Program Manager Garza presented this item to the board. This item was previously discussed by the board in October. The item has now been presented to both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council. City Council decided that additional input was needed from the Wellborn Community. In the interim it was decided to only realign Royder Road. There will be a public meeting with the Wellborn Community to receive additional feedback before the item will be brought back to the City Council. It will return to the board if any changes are made that differ from recommendations previously made by the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Advisory Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the implementation of the Texas A&M University's Bicycle District Strategic Plan.

Manager Garza stated that the presenter, Ron Steedly with Texas A&M University, was not able to attend so this item would be tabled until the next board meeting in December.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a recommendation on the Capital Improvements Program – Trail Projects and Priorities.

Senior Program Manager Garza presented this item to the board. The item is before the board to review and update trail project priorities for Fiscal Year 2018. The trail projects are currently prioritized based on the methodology used during the creation of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan. The list is based on short (0-10 years), near (11-20 years) and long term (21-30 years) prioritization.

All projects were reviewed last year and a top 3 list was determined based the additional criteria:

1. Ownership – Higher priority to City owned property or existing easements
2. Immediacy of Development in the surrounding area – Higher priority to areas where residential development will occur in the next few years
3. Other factors considered:
 - a. Safety
 - b. Connectivity to Schools and Parks
 - c. Regional Connectivity

The Board's current priorities as voted on in February 2016 are as follows:

Map ID	Name	Miles	Priority	Type	Notes
A	College Avenue Side Path	0.425	Short-term	ROW	To be funded through the MPO FY19
B	Bee Creek West Trail	0.42	Short-term	Easement needed	Submit as Unfunded project
C	Spring Creek Trail	3.49	Short-term	City owned and easements needed	Submit as Unfunded project

The Board recommended that the Spring Creek Trail be submitted as phases to increase the possibility of a section being funded. Staff is recommending that the priorities stay unchanged.

The board held a general discussion regarding the three trail project priorities previously voted on in February 2016.

Board Member Fierro motioned to adopt the trail project priorities as proposed. The motioned was seconded by Board Member Evans and was approved (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Presentation and discussion regarding the Pro Walk Pro Bike Conference and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Designing Cities Conference.

Board Member Lasley attended the Pro Walk Pro Bike Conference held in Vancouver, Canada in September 2016. Mr. Lasley advised the board of the main topics that were discussed at the event, bike share and cycle tracks.

Manager Garza attended the NACTO conference held in Seattle, Washington in September 2016. Ms. Garza presented the group with a video from the People for Bikes campaign that is documenting and promoting the use and implementation of protected bike lanes.

The board held a general discussion regarding the potential future implementation of protected bike lanes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- November 17, 2016 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- December 1, 2016 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- December 5, 2016 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Possible action and discussion on future agenda items – A Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Chairman Brick stated that she would like to have further discussion regarding the use of natural coverage on trails. Board Member Middleton agreed that this is something that he would like to be discussed in the future.

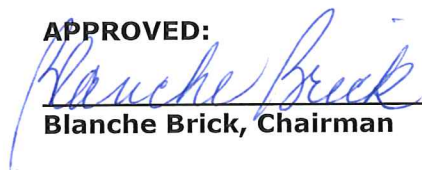
Board Member Boatcallie asked if a ceremony was going to be held regarding the newly constructed Lick Creek Trail.

Manager Garza stated that there has been some discussion but that a formal celebration may be postponed until a future phase that would include parking.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

APPROVED:


Blanche Brick, Chairman

ATTEST:


Amber Johnson, Board Secretary